

REMARKS

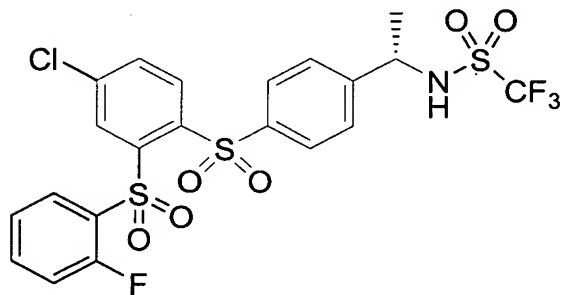
Submitted herewith is a Petition for a one-month extension of time. The petition contains authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0365 for the required fee for such extension. The grant of this extension makes October 7, 2002 the due date for response instead of September 5, 2002.

Applicants have amended the specification to include proper reference to related applications. A mark up copy of the amendment is enclosed herein as Attachment A. No new matter has been added.

If the restriction requirement is modified, Applicants reserve the right to amend the claims to add back any subject matter, deleted as being non-elected, which no longer would be considered as non-elected.

Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect Group I with traverse. The invention of Group I are claims 1-57, in part, drawn to compounds according to the formula of claim 1, wherein L¹ and L² are sulfur containing (excluding aminosulfonyls) and R⁴ is phenyl, benzyl, or cyclohexyl, classified in class 568, subclass 34. Additionally, Applicants elect the following species belonging to Group I:



The elected species above can be found in claim 14 in the present application.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement because even though the compounds are distinct from each other, the compounds have the same utilities and have the same two six membered aryl rings which are linked together. MPEP § 803 (July 1998) states that:

"If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions."

Also, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement because to do a thorough search for the claimed methods, a search of the compounds should also be made. Similarly, to do a thorough search for the claimed compounds, a search of the methods using those compounds should also be made.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Bernstein

Robert L. Bernstein
Reg. No. 46, 020
Attorney for Applicants
(908) 298-3985

ATTACHMENT A

(ADDED MATERIAL IS UNDERLINED)

On page 1, paragraph 1, please amend the specification as follows.

This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 10/072,354, filed February 6, 2002, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application 60/292,600, filed May 22, 2001, and U.S. Provisional Application 60/267,375, filed February 8, 2001.